

all acts and proceedings had and taken in connection therewith; are hereby ratified, approved, confirmed and validated and declared to be valid in all respects; provided, however, that the validation of water supply contracts herein accomplished shall never be construed against supplementation or amendment of such contracts, or the rescission or abrogation thereof by mutual agreement and consent of the governing authority of any contracting city or town and the District's Board of Directors so long as such does not affect adversely the rights of the holders of bonds or other obligations of the District for which the proceeds of such contracts have been pledged.

Sec. 4. The Legislature hereby declares that the enactment hereof is in aid of the fulfillment of the duty conferred by Section 59, Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas, and is essential to the purposes of said constitutional provision and that this Act operates on a subject in which the State at large is interested and serves a public purpose.

Sec. 5. The crowded conditions of the Calendar; the public importance of the purposes and subject matter of this Act; and the fact that the adoption of this Act will facilitate the development and construction of the public improvements for which the District has been created and which are so urgently needed, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House, be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, April 24, 1957: Yeas 132, Nays 0; passed the Senate, May 8, 1957: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Approved May 9, 1957.

Effective May 9, 1957.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

CHAPTER 205

S. B. No. 89

An Act amending Chapter 163, Acts of 52nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1951, House Bill No. 384, page 320; same being known as Article 4591 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Acts of 1892, page 4, as amended by Acts of 1911, page 52, and Acts of 1921, page 99, and by Acts of 42nd Legislature, 1931, Chapter 8, paragraph 1, page 9, by designating certain days as legal holidays on which all public offices of the state may be closed; providing for certain exceptions and designating the legal holidays for banking purposes; providing for the effective date of such Act; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Article 4591, Chapter 163, Acts, 52nd Legislature, Regular Session, amended by Acts of the 42nd Legislature, 1931, Chapter 8, paragraph 1, page 9,^{50a} be and the same is hereby amended so as to read hereafter as follows:

"Article 4591.

The first day of January, the 19th day of January, the 22nd day of February, the second day of March, the 21st day of April, the third day of

^{50a}. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4591.

June, the fourth day of July, the first Monday in September, 12th day of October, the 11th day of November, the fourth Thursday in November, and the 25th day of December, of each year, and every day on which an election is held throughout the state, are declared legal holidays, on which all the public offices of the state may be closed and shall be considered and treated as Sunday for all purposes regarding the presenting for the payment or acceptance and of protesting for and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory notes placed by the law upon the footing of bills of exchange."

Sec. 2. Section 1c of Chapter 230, Acts of the 50th Legislature, as added by Chapter 16, Acts of the 54th Legislature (codified as Section 1c of Article 4591d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) ⁵¹ is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1c. Notwithstanding any existing provisions of law relative to negotiable or non-negotiable instruments, but subject to the provisions of Section 1a of this Act, only the following enumerated dates are declared to be legal holidays for banking purposes on which each bank and trust company in Texas shall remain closed. The dates referred to are Sundays, January 1 (New Year's Day), April 21 (San Jacinto Day), July 4 (Independence Day), the first Monday in September (Labor Day), the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day) and December 25 (Christmas Day). All such days (and the weekday on which a bank or trust company may elect to close for general banking purposes as provided in Section 1a of this Act) shall be treated as Sunday for all purposes and not a business day and any act authorized, required or permitted to be performed at or by any bank or trust company on such day may be performed on the next succeeding business day and no liability or loss of rights of any kind shall result therefrom. Any day on which an election is being held shall not be considered or construed as a bank legal holiday."

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1958.

Sec. 4. The fact that present state law setting Thanksgiving Day on the last Thursday in November creates a conflict and duplication of Thanksgiving holidays for those years with November months containing five Thursdays, and the further fact that business and government need advance notice for adequate planning, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended; and said Rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1958, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate, February 25, 1957, by a viva voce vote; April 25, 1957, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; April 25, 1957, House granted request of the Senate; April 30, 1957, Senate adopted Conference Report by a viva voce vote; passed the House, April 17, 1957, with amendments: Yeas 117, Nays 21; April 25, 1957, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 1, 1957, House adopted Conference Report by a viva voce vote.

Approved May 10, 1957.

Effective January 1, 1958.

51. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4591d, § 1c.